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Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

From Beginning to End—the Saga Of Planning for the Metro Site

by Elaine Skolnik

The Prince George's County Planning Department kicked off the Greenbelt Metro Area Study project in 1996. Study area boundaries were delineated, issues and property owners (stakeholders) identified, planning objectives, approaches and techniques determined and a vision established.

Later, a community workshop was held, leading to the establishment of a Greenbelt Metro area study focus group composed of representatives of community organizations, stakeholders, and the municipalities of Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt. At the group's helm was a planning staff team from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

From April 1997 to December 1997, the focus group addressed issues pertaining to properties within the study boundaries. (See map.) For planning purposes, the "focus area" included the A.H. Smith property and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority/Metro site, as well as other properties immediately south of the Metro Station with potential for development or redevelopment. (The Greenbelt Metro Station site and nearby small properties

are located within Greenbelt's city limits. The Smith tract is outside any municipal boundaries.)

The group also addressed the larger "study area," those neighborhoods and sub-areas surrounding the Smith and Metro/Wmata properties. These include Springhill Lake Apartments, Hollywood/ Branchville Community, Beltway Plaza, Capital Office Park and the Greenbelt Road Commercial Corridor.

ing future land use, transportation issues, environmental protection, public facilities, pedestrian and bicycle systems "in recognition of the unique potential of the Greenbelt Metro Area."

A Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) is a comprehensive rezoning process that implements the Sector Plan's recommendations. If adopted by the Prince George's County Council, the SMA would amend the 1989 Mas-

... "end run" around the planning process and a way of avoiding citizen response

- Judith Davis, mayor of Greenbelt in reacting to the ZTA

In addition to studying development/redevelopment/revitalization issues, the group zeroed in on problems of environmental sensitivity, Metro access and community linkages adjacent to and surrounding the Metro station area. Major planning tools were compared and evaluated.

In December 1997, winding up its study, the focus group produced its preplanning report for the Greenbelt Metro Station Area. The group concluded that the Sector Plan, along with a concurrent Sectional Map Amendment (SMA), which the City of Greenbelt supports, was the most effective planning tool especially since it would "comprehensively address community-wide issues and offer effective community involvement."

Definitions

A Sector Plan covers a small concentrated area of a Master Plan, such as the land adjacent to and surrounding a Metro Station. The sector plan is a detailed proposal cover-

ter Plan for the Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan, which recommended mixed use development for the focus area's Smith/Wmata Metro properties, including retail, office, residential and employment uses. At the time, this mixed use proposal did not factor in the environmental constraints such as wetlands and floodplain. Noted only in the Master Plan was the extensive floodplain in the focus area.

On January 29 the focus group submitted its Interim Report to the M-NCPPC Planning Board. Following board approval to release the report, the board presented to the County Council a draft resolution initiating the Sector Plan/SMA for development of the Greenbelt Metro Station Area. On February 17, the County Council referred the matter to its five-member Planning, Zoning and Economic Development (PZED) Committee. On March 11, the Committee voted unanimously to recom-

See PLANNING page 5

Historic District Rules, Enforcement Reviewed

by Sue Krofchik

Vague language and requiring Greenbelt Homes Inc (GHI) to enforce rules written in such language might be the two most important issues that determine what the Board of Directors' recommendation to the membership later this year in regard to becoming a County Historic District will be. The board met on March 19 for the second of three worksessions on becoming an historic district. Again representing the Prince George's County Planning Department's Historic Preservation Section and Urban Design Planning Division were Howard Berger and Jill Yutan, respectively.

During both sessions held so far, the concentration has been on the 160 page Draft Design Guidelines. These guidelines focus on architectural features and exterior changes. Although some things are described as "prohibited" or "not permitted," or "permitted" or "recommended," much of the language

is in terms of something being "strongly encouraged" or "strongly discouraged." However, if something were "strongly discouraged" it could still be permitted if the person were adamant, even though the guidelines do not list that particular action as being "permitted."

According to Berger, the language is designed to "steer people in the correct direction." The goal of the document is to ensure uniformity and consistency, and improve the overall appearance of the outside of all homes and buildings within the historic district.

These guidelines are only part of the process. Enforcement of the guidelines is the other half, and the GHI board will have to deal with members who violate them.

The next worksession is scheduled for April 16. Among items to be discussed will be the impact of historic district guidelines on staff, maintenance and replacement reserves.

Museum Web Features Local Dining Room

by Virginia Beauchamp

A Greenbelter's memories of a momentous day in American history now appears on the World Wide Web. That news reached News Review staff member Lucille Howell in a letter from Kathleen Connolly, program coordinator of a Smithsonian Institution project, Smithsonian Without Walls.

According to Connolly, an exhibition entitled "Revealing Things" is currently under preparation for computer users online. The exhibition will focus on personal and household objects and the special meanings they have for their owners. In Howell's case, her memory will be associated with a photograph of an early Greenbelt dining room table which is set for a small dinner party. In actuality, the photograph depicts the table displayed in the Greenbelt Museum.

Accompanying the photograph is Howell's 1987 reminiscence: "One Sunday afternoon we had invited my brother, his wife and daughter over for dinner, and I had decided that I was going to use our good china which was almost never used, because if a war were to happen, it might all be bombed to smithereens."

"While I was getting everything ready, a friend called and said: 'Are you listening to the radio? The Japanese have just bombed Pearl Harbor.' So we turned the radio on, and listened to it during dinner."

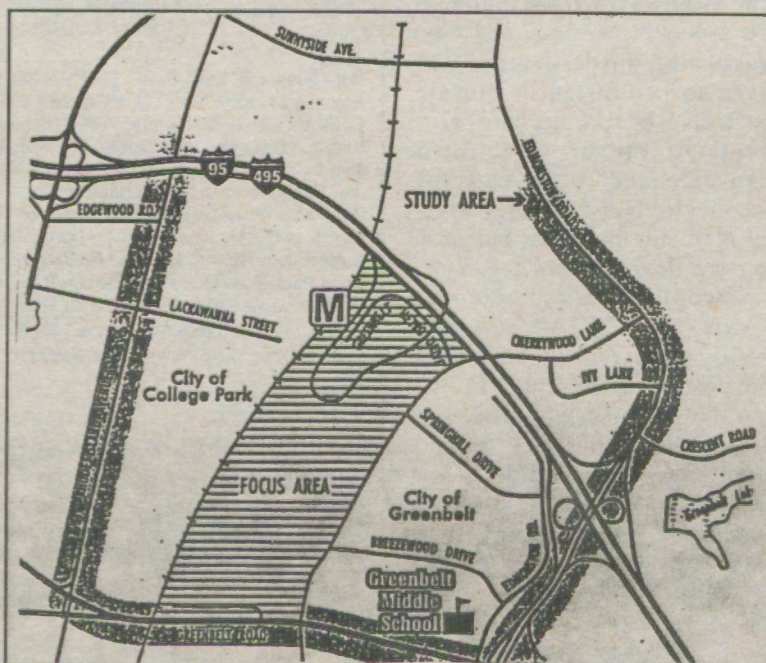
"Then my sister-in-law stood up from the table, her labor pains began, and she ended up having to go to the hospital to have her baby. That was an exciting evening."

The Smithsonian staff found this story through Ann Denkler, former curator of the Greenbelt Museum, who suggested that they look at Greenbelt's 50th anniversary history volume. Howell's story will accompany two other photographs of America's entry into the war—a view of the U.S.S. Shaw exploding during the bombing attack at Pearl Harbor and a view of a woman described as "a former office worker" who is depicted at work in a war plant.

County Council, PZED Committee to Meet

Next Tuesday, March 31, at 9:30 a.m., the five-member Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee (PZED) will discuss Council Bill 35, a Zoning Text Amendment. This bill would amend the existing light and heavy industrial zoning ordinances (I-1 and I-2) to allow for other uses. For example such amendments would enable development on the A.H. Smith and portions of the adjacent Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority properties at the end of the Green Line, which are currently zoned industrial. The meeting will be held at the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

County Council introduced CB-35 on March 10, referring it immediately to the PZED committee. If the committee recommends approval of the bill, the Council will then schedule a public hearing, which must be advertised. Council could, on the day of the public hearing, enact the bill, decide to hold another public hearing or delay adoption until a later date.



Greenbelt Metro Planning Study Area

What Goes On

Mon., March 30, 8 p.m.
City Council Budget Worksession on Budget Overview, Revenues and General Government, Municipal Building.

Wed., April 1, 8 p.m.
City Council Worksession on Planning and Community Development, and Capital Projects Budgets, Community Center.

Thurs., April 2, 8 p.m.
City Council Worksession on CARES and Miscellaneous Budgets, Municipal Building.

To Bernie and Jim

With this week's name change on our list of staff members, this newspaper marks the marriage of two of its dedicated long-time workers. Individually each, over many decades, has contributed beyond measure to what is distinctive and best about the community we live in — he, as our city manager; she, as a tireless volunteer. Since retiring from their respective careers, both have become mainstays of this paper's operations. We have confidence that, jointly, they will carry on those legacies. And so we believe we speak for all Greenbelters as we offer our newlyweds, James and Bernina Giese, our very best wishes on this happy occasion. May they have a long and happy life together.

Letters

A Different Vision

Anger at Greenbelt City Councilmembers and citizens who expressed concerns regarding several new building and road proposals is evident in Mr. Leo Cotnoir's March 19 letter. His negative characterizations of councilmembers and citizens and his "progress" arguments strike the reader like a blunt instrument. Basically, Mr. Cotnoir wants citizens to accept, without complaint, NASA's plan for a new research facility and the State Highway Administration's plan for the Inter-County Connector (ICC) simply because a few jobs will be created, NASA employees will spend their lunch money at local businesses, and the ICC appears to offer a convenient travel route. Mr. Cotnoir must feel that the quality of life of Greenbelt residents and the city's budget, infrastructure, and environment can handle unlimited development.

Whereas I think Greenbelt should strive for a balanced approach to growth, and discussion should be positive, constructive, imaginative, and realistic, with decisions made with prudence and not for short-term gains.

Personally, I like the NASA and BARC campuses and feel they make beneficial contributions to the city. But federal government facilities don't pay taxes. Roads cost money. So do other state, county, and city services these government facilities may use directly or indirectly. Then, I think of how the federal government has treated Washington, D.C. It is broke. It can't repair its own potholes. It can't pay its police or teachers. So, maybe the lunch money federal government employees spend isn't enough to cover the services they use.

Look at Greenbelt. There's a lot packed into its tiny borders. Along with numerous residential neighborhoods and public facilities, there are several shopping centers, a metro station, two large federal government campuses inhabited by multiple agencies, a federal courthouse, several business parks, and four major highways that cut the town into quarters. It's hardly the sleepy rural town depicted by Mr. Cotnoir.

What is happening in Greenbelt is happening in hundreds of municipalities nationwide when growth begins to exceed a finite space and infrastructure resources. Residents raise concerns for many reasons. Cost is one. Environment is another. There is a direct connection between overdevelopment and diminished air and water quality.

Mr. Cotnoir says "to compete and thrive as such, our city

No Money

In your recent editorial (March 5) you urged city council members and staff to do a better job of caring for and beautifying Buddy Attick Park. In my view, staff have been hindered not by the Park Master Plan, but by the lack of funds to carry out the improvements identified in the plan. The Park Master Plan provided a much needed framework to restore, preserve and maintain the park and to stop the piecemeal decision-making which had characterized the park's past development. The plan addressed all of the problem areas you identified; the lack of permanent restroom facilities, the location of the amphitheater, the need for a path from the parking lot, and many others. However, since the plan was adopted in 1992, there have been no funds to carry out these improvements.

Budget hearing and work sessions for FY 99 are the perfect opportunity for citizens to express their priorities. The Mayor and City Council members need to hear from the citizens of Greenbelt that capital improvement projects at Buddy Attick Park are a high priority. If Greenbelters want permanent restroom facilities at the park or other improvements, please consider attending one of the budget work sessions (Capital Improvements, Public Works, Recreation), the public hearing on the budget May 11, and/or writing a letter to express your support.

Lola Skolnik

needs new jobs...and we need convenient transportation..." These "progress" arguments have been used by planners and politicians for years to sell projects. Mr. Cotnoir does not mention towns that failed to thrive even when they accepted road and building projects. It's not as if Greenbelt has no highways or abundant employment centers. To accept any building or road project without critical analysis regarding impacts to our city's infrastructure, budget, and environment is irresponsible.

He says we need a city council "with a vision of the future." I agree, but not with a vision filled with four-, six- and eight-lane highways. Greenbelt's original vision, which is the fount from which the current city of Greenbelt derives its attractive layout, superior public facilities, diverse housing stock, and award-winning fiscal management, was designed to include all elements of city living, including businesses, homes, roads, schools, parks, and more, in a safe and environmentally healthy setting. For example, roadways and under-

Thanks Again!

The St. Hugh Knights of Columbus Council 1997 Tootsie Roll Drive for the mentally retarded was again successful thanks to generous contributions from Greenbelters and the cooperation of the Greenbelt Co-op, Greenbelt Safeway and the NationsBank.

On Sunday, March 1, the St. Hugh Knights of Columbus Council, along with 15 other Prince George's County Councils presented their 1997 Tootsie Roll Drive Proceeds Awards at the Sacred Heart Council in Bowie. Recipients of these financial donations were 21 Prince George's County organizations which have programs designed to meet the special needs of our mentally retarded citizens.

John Tizol
Grand Knight

Opportunities Needed

I agree completely with the views expressed by Leo J. Cotnoir in the March 19 issue. As a high tech professional I deeply resent efforts by our elected officials to discourage the expansion of research facilities like NASA Goddard and the USDA in Beltsville. If these local professional opportunities are not expanded, area residents like myself must travel to Northern Virginia and Washington D.C.. This travel increases the area wide air pollution (Metro to Northern VA is not a viable option), increases personal and family stress, and leaves no time for participation in Greenbelt civic affairs - such as attending late evening (after 9 p.m.) council meetings to counteract the highly vocal NIMBYs. A review of the geographic locations of job openings in the Sunday Washington Post employment section clearly demonstrates that Virginia has captured a large majority of the high tech, nonpolluting, environment friendly businesses in the Washington D.C. area. This problem was not addressed by any of the council candidates in their News Review articles prior to the recent elections.

I do not feel that environmental and traffic issues should be ignored, but these must not be used as an excuse to prevent orderly economic development.

William E. Hatch

passes were designed to slow traffic and allow for safe pedestrian travel about town. Try walking to Greenway Center. Route 193 is an eight-lane highway with a haphazard sidewalk system and few crosswalks. Little thought was given to pedestrian or bicycle traffic. I'd like to see elements of the original town plan extended to all parts of Greenbelt. None of the original elements preclude business or road development.

I would like to welcome NASA's new NOAA research facility to Greenbelt but not if the cost is a severely diminished quality of life for Greenbelt's eighteen thousand residents. As residents, we pay directly via taxes for roads and services whether it's for federal, state, county, or city projects. We pay indirectly by a degraded environment. We have the right and the responsibility to question those expenses.

Marsha Barrett

The Old Curmudgeon



"As I understand it, this item on the agenda, CB-35, came through the back door!"

Parent Information Day Planned

A Parent Information Day will be held on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Friendly High School, 1000 Allentown Road, Fort Washington.

Sponsored by the Division of Outreach and Communications, the Department of Equity Assurance, and the Friendly Community of Schools, the workshop will provide the opportunity for attendees to learn about services available to parents, families, and students through the school system's Division of Pupil Services; to obtain ideas about how to assist in preparing students for the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program (MSPAP); to collect information on parent empowerment; to purchase educational materials; to tour the school system's Title I Program Mobile Activity Center; and to learn about educational enhancement activities in the school system.

Breakfast will be provided and child care will be available for children ages 3 to 8. Reservations for child care must be made; space is limited to the first 50 children.

For additional information, please contact Delpha Royal at 301-883-5304.

Get Heart Healthy Free Seminar

A free seminar on the subject of "Diet and Heart Disease" will be held Thursday, April 9, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Senior Conference Gallery, Greenbelt Community Center. The program will be presented by staff from the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service and is sponsored by the Co-op Supermarket/Pharmacy. Everyone is invited to attend. Complimentary light snacks and refreshments will be served.

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Exploring the Women Of Shakespeare's Era

On Friday, April 3, Explorations Unlimited presents "Women of Shakespeare's Time." The presenter is Dr. Virginia W. Beauchamp, a retired associate professor of English, University of Maryland. Beauchamp, a long time resident of Greenbelt, has authored several books. She is also a long-time News Review reporter, copy editor and board member.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m., at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the senior classroom. Everyone is welcome and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Greenbelt CARES

On Wednesday, March 18, Wendy Wexler started a teen discussion group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). Like the previous ones, the group will run eight weeks and has 12 student participants.

On the evening of March 18 the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) hosted a public forum on character education to explore its offerings for our public schools. Presenters included Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend; Mary Aranha of the Maryland State Department of Education; Sharon Walters, curriculum coordinator, ERHS; and Jacqueline Jones, special programs coordinator, Robert Goddard Middle School. The forum was held in the Greenbelt Community Center.

Tammy Mountcastle attended the Family Therapy Network Symposium held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., on Friday, March 20. Mountcastle participated in workshops on therapy techniques for involving young children in sessions and strategies for dealing with aggressive behaviors by clients.

Judye Hering has begun publicizing the Spring GED course. Registration will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 10:30. The ten-week course runs until June 25. GED I is for students needing help in basic math and English skills. GED II is for students needing review of higher math and English skills. Please call CARES for additional information.

City Notes

Thermoplastic crosswalk markings were applied at Northway and Crescent Road. The surface of the basketball court near the 4 court of Crescent Road was repaired. The floors in the Community Center office and the media room were refinished. Potholes in city streets were filled.

New Deal Cafe

Open
Fri & Sat
7-11 pm

Music
8:30 pm
No cover

Friday, March 27 - Open Mike

Saturday, March 28 - Jane Doe
Power Pop

Friday, April 3 - TBA

Saturday, April 4 - TBA

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Community Events

Randall Robinson Speaks at Library

Randall Robinson will be at the Greenbelt Library on Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m. for a reading and book signing of his book "Defending the Spirit - A Black Life in America." Robinson is the founder and president of TransAfrica. He is known for his work against apartheid in South Africa.

Dog Park Assn. Picnic Planning

The Greenbelt Dog Park Association (GDPA) will meet on Sunday, March 29, at 7 p.m. in the senior classroom at the Community Center. Items on the agenda include: GDPA's budget requests for lighting and agility equipment, a new web site at www.dogpark.org, the planning of social events such as walks with dogs, and discussion of the picnic at the Dog Park, to be held during the Memorial Day weekend.

Members are urged to attend, as well as Greenbelt residents who are interested in finding out more about the dog park.

Astronomy Club Holds Star Party

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will hold its first star party of 1998 on Saturday, March 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The party will be held at the Wolfe Ballfields at the end of Northway Extended. The public is invited to view a variety of celestial objects with members of the club, many of whom will bring telescopes. Persons who own binoculars may wish to bring them to aid with viewing.

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club is open to anyone with an interest in astronomy. It meets on the last non-holiday Thursday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road.

Learn to Prune

The Greenbelt Home and Garden Club will hold its rescheduled monthly meeting on Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. in the Roosevelt Center Mall on Centerway. The group will meet outside the 7-11 store (please note location). Bill Phelan, horticulturist for the city of Greenbelt, will demonstrate springtime pruning techniques on local plants and shrubs. Members and guests are invited to attend.

The club's next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Elementary School. For further information, please call D. Kremer at 301-345-5356.

At the Library

Monday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. Glaucoma at a Glance. Linda Milo will discuss the diseases known as "glaucoma," the importance of early detection, and treatment options.

Tuesday, March 31, 7 p.m. Babysitting Workshop. Basics for ages 12 - 19. Registration required.

Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m. P.J. Storytime, ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, April 2, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime, ages 2 and 3. 11:15 Tickly Toddler Storytime, age 2 and parent or caregiver.

7 p.m. Meet the author. Reading and book signing by Randall Robinson, author of "Defending the Spirit; A Black Life in America."

Saturday, April 4, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus. Adult poetry discussion group.

The display for March is for Women's History month.

Volunteer at Park: Give Nature Talks

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is seeking volunteers to give talks/walks on birds, deer, beavers, wildflowers, trees and other nature related programs. For information, call Park Ranger Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The Golden Age Club meeting on April 1 will be the business meeting. The board meeting will precede the general meeting.

Golden Agers don't let a little bad weather deter them. The March birthday party was great. Special congratulations are due to Matt Abramowitz, who turned 80. The 50/50 was won by Arlene Harbaugh and Lael Carrier. Welcome back to Rose Haber.

Get well wishes were offered to Betty Deitch, who was injured in a fall, "Joe Mac" Schubert, son of Golden Ager Mary Schubert, and Ray Haber.

See the travel committee to make a reservation for the April 21 trip to Richmond, VA, with stops at Beth Ahaba Museum, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, St. John's Church, the home of John Marshall — and there's more, if energy lasts. Lunch is on your own; dinner will be a buffet at Morrison's Cafeteria.

The Golden Age annual luncheon will be held on April 29, at E.J.'s Landing Restaurant in College Park. Make reservations with Committee members Cathy Holcomb, Shirley Dwyer, or Joe Wilkerson.

On Saturday, June 6, the Golden Age flea market will be held in Roosevelt Center. Bring items to the Senior Lounge in the Community Center. Please, no books, clothes, or shoes. Sign up if you can volunteer to help.

Come to meetings to get more information on the Plant-A-Tree program. Bring a senior friend.

Cub Scouts Hold Pinewood Derby

Area Cub Scouts will hold the Pinewood Derby at Beltway Plaza Mall on Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m. The handcrafted wooden cars will race on several tracks in the center court of the mall. There will also be a car show of handcrafted cars and homemade sets designed by the boys.

PTA Meets

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will meet at the school on Wednesday, April 1 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parents are invited to participate in a program that will increase their understanding of the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program (MSPAP) testing that is state mandated for all children. Third and fifth graders will be taking the tests in May.

Explore Finance

On Friday, March 27, Explorations Unlimited presents an "Asset Allocation" presentation. The presenter is William G. Wilk, marketing representative, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Wilk will address topics including, but not limited to the importance of asset allocations; risks of being in and out of the stock market; identifying the types of risks that can impact investments; designing a portfolio suited for financial goals; and diversifying investments to counter negative market cycles.

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Greenbelt Municipal Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

Tuesday March 31 & Thursday, April 2

6:00 p.m. MNCPPC—"Your Open Road"
A look at the Park Police

6:15 p.m. "An Ice Cream Social"

7:00 p.m. "Greenbelt ACE Committee present a Public Forum on Character Education"



GHI PLANT & GRASS SEED SALE

Shady Ground Covers selected by City Horticulturist, Bill Phelan

Saturdays—April 4 and April 18, 1998

9 a.m. - 12 noon
Hamilton Place

Free leaf bags will be given out for the
GHI Spring Clean-up Day
to occur

Sunday, April 26th
1-4 p.m.





Officers of the Greenbelt Lutheran Aid Association Chapter display Gold Star Award plaque. Left to right: Jesse Walter, secretary; Jeff Burt, vice president; and Bob Krueger, president.

Local Lutherans Win Gold Star Rating

Members of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) of Greenbelt (Branch 4466) have been awarded a Gold Star rating, recognizing their exemplary volunteer service to the community. This is the 16th time this branch has been so honored.

Their high rating within the 9,939 nationwide branches was cited for well-attended sponsorship of community-wide CPR training, educational seminars preparing parents and grandparents for the intricacies of retirement planning, contributions to the Holy Cross Youth Group fund raiser, their grant of \$600 to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League charities, and work in making improvements to church facilities.

AAL is a nationwide fraternal benefit society of 1.7 million Lutherans supported in Greenbelt

by District Representative Ruth Huffman, FIC. Greenbelt officers are Bob Krueger, president; Jeff Burt, vice president; and Jesse Walter, secretary.

Smithsonian Sponsors Kite Flying Contest

Thousands of flyers, observers and competitors will gather on the Washington Monument grounds on Saturday, March 28 (rain date: Sunday, March 29) for the Smithsonian Kite Festival, an annual all-day (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) celebration of kites and their history. Admission to events on the monument grounds is free.

This year's festival theme, "Boxes in the Sky," celebrates the centenary of the invention of the box kite and kite aerial photography.

The Kite Festival features a British box kite called the Cody, used as a "person lifter," which was employed for reconnaissance in the early 1900s. A Cody kite will be displayed at the festival. Kite aerial photography, in which a camera is hoisted into the air using a harness attached to one or more box kites will also be demonstrated.

Other special features of the Festival will be handmade kites, displayed and flown beginning at 10 a.m., and a special kite display, open Saturday, March 21, from 10 to 11 a.m.. Admission is by ticket.

Help Patients Feel And Look Better

The American Cancer Society needs volunteer cosmetologists to facilitate group sessions with cancer patients to help them restore their appearance during treatment. Volunteers are usually needed on Mondays. Training is provided. Volunteers must be licensed in Maryland. For additional information, call Stephanie Fogarty at 301-933-9350.

Baptist Ministries Need Volunteers

Baptist Senior Adult Ministries Adult Care Centers located in Brentwood, Bowie, Greenbelt, and Laurel are seeking individuals to volunteer their time and services in the following areas: administration, assisting with activities and van escorts. People who enjoy interacting with seniors, please contact Daryl Pennington at 301-390-2406, Monday - Friday, 9 - 5 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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Berwyn Presbyterian Church

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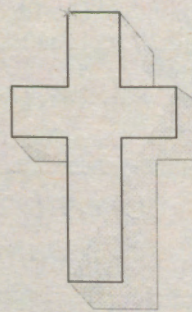
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PLANNING

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mend approval of Council Resolution 17 to the full County Council.

Attached to the resolution is a condition recommending that the planning process timeline for completion of the Sector Plan/SMA be shortened.

Clouding the planning picture, though not unexpected, was the presentation of Council Bill 35 to the County Council on March 10. The bill was referred to the PZED committee for a hearing on March 31. The proposed legislation calls for a Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) changing the existing light and heavy industrial Zoning Ordinance (I-1 and I-2).

The amendment would define a "Metro Planned Community" allowing mixed uses and densities to be developed on the existing Smith/Wmata industrial zoned land. About 51% of the focus area is undeveloped, of which 91% is zoned for heavy industrial use.

ZTA Process

Late in 1997, Richard Reed of Wilkes, Artis and Lane, representing the A.H. Smith Limited Partnership, indicated that a ZTA was being considered because it would take less time to complete. However, the Greenbelt Metro Area Study Group's Final Report rated the ZTA as "less effective," both in planning strategies and public participation, than, for example, the Sector Plan (SMA) planning tool in carrying out the umbrella vision for development of the Greenbelt Metro Station area.

The report also pointed out that the ZTA was limited and not applicable to all the properties surrounding the Smith/Wmata tracts. The ZTA would also make it difficult to address comprehensive community-wide issues such as linkages, revitalization and redevelopment. The ZTA would also create a new "use" within the industrial zones. Thus it would avoid the need for a property owner to go through the normal rezoning process.

Metro Planned Community

A "Metro Planned Community" (MPC) is defined under the ZTA bill as "A continuous land assemblage, no less than seventy-five (75) acres, abutting an existing or future Metro

platform or station site and planned to be developed with an array of commercial, lodging, recreational, residential, entertainment, retail, social, cultural or similar uses which are interrelated by one or more themes."

The purposes of the MPC described in the bill include promoting "optimum use of the transit facilities by assuring the orderly development of land," providing for the needs of the workers and residents within an MPC, providing multiple-family housing at appropriate locations within the community, "obtaining amenities not ordinarily found in conventional zoning classifications" (including open arcades, enclosed pedestrian space, rooftop activities, distinctive streetscape or furnishings), providing "the maximum amount of freedom possible in the design of buildings and their grouping and layout" to promote orderly development and attract an appropriate mix of "quality employment, residential, retail shopping, restaurant, entertainment and lodging development in the vicinity of major transit stops," and providing "reasonable flexibility in the design of these projects ... while phasing out heavy industrial uses."

Window of Opportunity?

Reed emphasized that, if the County Council adopts the ZTA, the bill "immediately becomes a permitted use allowing us to capture the current expression of market interest relative to the site, to enable us to talk to potential users." The bill requires the developer to obtain "... evidence of an executed letter of intent from at least one (1) anchor department store such as Bloomingdale's ...

I-Magnin, Lord and Taylor, Macy's" Its language also includes requiring "upscale and luxurious building construction and amenities."

According to the Greenbelt Metro Study Report, completion of a ZTA could take three to six months. The Mixed-Use Transportation Zone (which Reed noted most resembled the ZTA) and the Sector Plan/SMA Planning Process could run more than a year longer.

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis had described the ZTA as an "end run" around the planning process and a way of avoiding citizen response. Reed counters that the bill requires conceptual and detailed site plans and the adequate public facilities test, at which time the public can comment.

Supporters of the Sector Plan/SMA point out that the public will be involved throughout the process. Intensive analysis of issues dealing with land use, development concepts, transportation and the environment, including several charrette sessions, will be ongoing. Their concern is that these issues are not adequately addressed in the ZTA. (A charrette is a free-wheeling, brainstorming interchange among planners, professionals and citizens.)



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How does a blind person use Newsline? The user calls up any local service center with a regular touch-tone telephone. Newsline's synthetic voice prompts the user for his/her security code and user I.D. These numbers allow access to every local service center in the Newsline network. Once logged on, the blind person can use the telephone keypad to select and read any article in any



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For applications and information about either Newsline or the NFB, contact Kenneth Silberman, President, Southern Maryland Chapter, NFB at 4B Southway, Greenbelt, or the NFB, 1800 Johnson St., Baltimore, MD 21230, 410-659-9314.

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has negotiated a Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) with Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) located in Beltsville, Maryland to continue the environmental cleanup program at the facility. The agreement outlines the parties' roles in the investigation and cleanup of areas where contamination may exist. The Department of Agriculture, as the lead agency, is responsible for conducting and paying for the study and the cleanup. EPA will oversee the project to ensure a thorough investigation and cleanup takes place for the protection of public health and the environment.

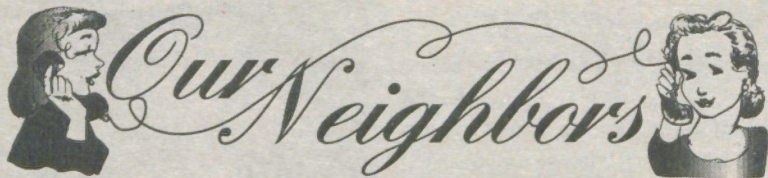
The FFA for BARC establishes the procedural framework and the schedule for developing, implementing and monitoring appropriate response actions at BARC to insure the protection of public health and the environment. The FFA also facilitates the cooperation and exchange of information and participation of EPA, USDA and the public. The FFA identifies 94 areas of concern including several landfills and disposal areas on the BARC property that will be investigated and may require cleanup. Copies of the FFA are available for public review at the repository established at the site:

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Our sympathy to Bill Phelan and family on the death of his mother in Oregon on Saturday.

Condolences to Desire Vikor and family, Hillside Rd., on the death of his mother in Ohio.

Congratulations to News Review staffer Patricia (Pat) McCoy, whose poem "The Prison" has won an Editor's Choice award by the National Poetry Forum. The poem will be published in an upcoming poetry anthology "Passionate Whispers," published by Dorrance Co.

Marine Cpl. Jerome Gary, son of Jerome and Cora M. Gary of Mandan Rd., was recently meritoriously promoted to his present rank while serving with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. The 1995 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School joined the Marine Corps in July 1995.

Charles McFadden, a teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School was recognized at the December African American Males into Teaching program at Howard University's School of Education.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School was one of three county schools recognized by Citizens for a Cleaner County for their

recycling efforts. The school was presented an engraved award.

Genette DonBullian was named to the dean's list at the University of Maryland for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester.

Greenbelt Elementary School won the "Best All Around Breakfast Contest!" Twenty nine schools entered the contest - Greenbelt was one of the top six winners for their special breakfast events. They included adult/grandparent day brunch, pre-holiday breakfast with the child's teacher, a slogan contest in February and Milk Carton Celebrities (Ms. Curl and Mrs. Watkins) a few weeks ago. The school will celebrate with an assembly, the "Blue Milk Thing." Congratulations to all, especially the cafeteria staff.

Congratulations to Greenbelt Elementary sixth graders whose poems will be in the American Anthology of Children's Poetry: Dominique Lassiter, Paul Teodoro, Randy Lacy, Katherine Barton, Kenny Shifflett, Maria Burroughs, Kevin Lewis, Ashley Pitt, Stacy Wisler, Jessica Teets, Marcus Brooks, James Harper, Daniel Gonzalez, Lauren Hall and Mary Fominaya.

Students Have Bank Branch at School

The Save for America program sponsored by Riggs Bank began on Tuesday, February 10 at Greenbelt Elementary School. Over \$100 was deposited by students into their savings accounts at the "Branch Office" at the school. Every student who opened an account automatically received a \$1.00 deposit from the bank. Greenbelt Elementary is the first school in Prince George's County sponsored by Riggs Bank in the Save for America program. Banking Day will be held every Tuesday at the school for the students. Deposits can also be made during banking hours at the Greenbelt branch on Hanover Parkway.

Students who helped input the banking records were Mariah Burroughs, Daniel Gonzalez and Ashley Solano. Parent Helene Taylor helped things run smoothly; Claudia Breene helped with afternoon kindergarten depositors.

WMATA Publishes Metro Rider News

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has released the 1998 winter edition of Metro Rider News. The updated publication has information about the Metrobus Silver Anniversary celebration. It also gives directions for obtaining bus timetables by fax, TripFax at 202-962-1420.

A focal point of the celebration was the special Silver Anniversary Bus which made its inaugural ride February 25, the day designated Metrobus Rider Appreciation Day with 25 cent rides on any line.

For the rest of the year when this Silver Anniversary Bus appears on any route, those riders will pay the same reduced fare. The Metro Rider News will print a schedule from March through May for the special bus routes.

For more information about Metrobus and Metro rail, call 202-637-7000 or TDD 202-638-3780.

Booklet Explains Student Programs

A reference booklet, Summer Search 1998: Expanding Educational Horizons, offers ideas to students for summer enrichment programs.

Opportunities are for students at all grade levels; the booklet highlights programs that are designed to assist students in broadening their educational capabilities, developing their skills, and exploring career interests. Educational opportunities for students include training programs, college courses, internships, summer camps, and more than 11 other general areas of study.

The booklet is available for review at all Prince George's County public schools and OASIS sites. Parents/guardians who want to review the booklet may do so by contacting their child's guidance counselor, magnet program coordinator or the chairperson of the local school's English, mathematics, social studies or science departments.

Many of the programs are free, offer financial aid or pay student stipends for participation.

Poster Contest Held by WSSC

In May this year the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will celebrate its 80th anniversary. As part of the festivities, the WSSC is inviting students from Montgomery and Prince George's counties, grades K-12, to enter a poster contest.

The theme of the contest is "Water in Our Daily Lives." Entries will be judged in three categories: elementary, middle and high schools. Entries may be done in colored pencil, pen and ink, crayon, watercolor or pastels, either 8 1/2" x 11" or 11" x 14." Students are requested to put their name, home phone number, school and grade on the back of the entry.

Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges including graphic artists and educators. The winners in each category will receive a \$100 U.S. Saving Bond.

Entries should be mailed to: WSSC, Office of Communications, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707. All entries must be received by April 30 and will become the property of the WSSC.

New SSA Regs Give Kids Second Chance

Almost 90,000 children with disabilities will get another chance because the Social Security Administration has mailed out second redetermination notices to children whose benefits were terminated from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program due to welfare reform.

Families who receive these notices will also find a vital feature included: statewide hotline num-

bers where they can get free legal representation. The American Bar Association and children's advocates believe this will improve SSI families' chances of retaining funding.

As soon as SSI families get these notices, they should use the hotline numbers to link up with a lawyer to represent them without charge during their new SSA review.

ERHS Students Hear About Rec Programs

On Friday, Feb. 27, Nancy Wilmot and Austin Gibbs, recreation coordinators for the city, visited Eleanor Roosevelt High School to promote the Recreation Department's teen programs. The two were allowed to set up a table in the cafeteria; during the five lunch periods they were able to speak to approximately 500 of the school's 3,200 students.

Wilmot and Gibbs handed out their promotional flier, "What's Up?!!?", as well as fliers promoting Career Day, Double Dutch and other young adult departmental programs. To further encourage students to visit their table, they held a drawing for various prizes, including Greenbelt T-shirts and a discount coupon for one of the department's teen trip programs.

The department's special events were created in conjunction with an outreach effort discussed with the Youth Advisory Committee to offer additional programs to Greenbelt teens, beginning this spring.

The Recreation Department is also sponsoring a job fair for teens; see the related story in this issue.



The Greenbelt Recreation Department would like to thank the following organizations for their generosity in helping to support the Teenage Fair.

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The Beautification Program will begin on April 6th. For your convenience a list of recommended nurseries and landscapers will be provided on the back of the initial door hanger citation. These businesses can be contacted for information concerning problematic bare spots, poison ivy or noxious vegetation removal. For further information call Phillip Rondeau at (301) 474-0292.

1998 Bathtub

Re-glazing Program

The Bathtub Re-glazing Program started as of March 12th and will continue until the early fall. Funds have been approved to re-glaze approximately sixty (60) bathtubs. Bob Tucker can be contacted at (301) 474-6011 Ext. 122 to arrange for an inspection of your bathtub to determine the extend of the damage. If repairs are necessary, Mr. Tucker can schedule a time for the work to be done.

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The next presentation will be held on:

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| Monday, April 6, 1998 | 7:15 p.m. |
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Tax \$\$ for Education Which Figure Is Right?

How much of your tax money is going toward education? That is a question that the county council has been dealing with recently, according to County Councilmember Audrey Scott, who represents the district that includes Greenbelt.

For years the Prince George's County tax bill has shown the amount of the tax bill that goes to support the public school system. Last year it was listed as 63.2 per cent of total county revenue. This amount is highlighted in a dark blue color. This year, however, County Councilmember Thomas Hendershot, a former school board member, introduced legislation to delete that information. It was, in his words, a "political statement," according to Scott, and had no place on the tax bill. Nevertheless, his proposal failed to gain council support, Scott said.

County councilmembers did succeed in getting the council to question the validity of the 63.2 per cent figure. Included in the total county revenue figure are many designated funds to be used specifically for education. These include all state and federal grants that come to the county for public education programs. If just the County's own source revenues are counted, Scott says that the amount going to public education would be 59 per cent.

Still Misleading?

While most councilmembers agreed to use that calculation for future tax bills, Hendershot contended that the new figure was also misleading, according to Scott. It includes money raised by the local energy tax and the transfer tax. These revenue sources, over which council has no discretion, are dedicated to public educational purposes.

Taking a different point of view was County Councilmember Stephen DelGuidice, Scott re-

ported. He felt strongly that the tax bill should include information showing the total revenue expected to be raised by property taxes and the total funding for public schools. Scott attributed his response to the fact that more money is given to public schools — \$408,085,500 — than is raised by the county property tax of \$387,121,000. The balance between the two figures comes from other revenue sources.

Legislation to change the percentage amount going to education is now before the county council as CB-7-1998. It also calls for new wording. While Budget Director Douglas Brown has advised the council that "this is an acceptable change," he has cautioned members to limit the length of the new wording. "More than a few additional words will not fit into the existing tax form," he said.

Nature Series Are At Patuxent Refuge

A spring education series will be held at the North Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge, Bald Eagle Drive, Laurel. Discover Nature, Session A for children ages 5-7 will be held on Tuesdays, April 7-May 12, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Session B will be held on Wednesdays, April 8 - May 13, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Children will discover wildlife and their habitats through hands-on activities, crafts, and outdoor experiences.

The Nature Explorers series for children ages 8-11 will be held on Thursdays, April 9 - May 14, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Children will discover wildlife and their habitats through hands-on activities, projects, and experiments. Advance registration is required. Space is limited. Call 410-674-3304 for information and registration.

Tax Information Available by FAX

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein announces that their office is offering tax forms and publications through a Forms-by-Fax system. The system gives taxpayers and tax preparers 24-hour access to tax forms and publications through fax machines.

To reach the Forms-by-Fax system, dial 410-974-FAXX (974-3299) from the handset of a fax machine or telephone. Five documents may be requested per call. A list of the most frequently requested tax forms along with the order number is in the 1997 Maryland income tax booklet.

Goldstein says his office is also teaming up with local tax preparers in an effort to encourage taxpayers to file their income tax returns electronically.

"Electronic filing benefits everyone. Taxpayers get their refunds quicker, tax preparers receive acknowledgement that the return has been received and errors can be corrected immediately," said Goldstein. "And this

Cancer Society Needs Help

The American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers and coordinators for the Patient Services Program in Prince George's and Montgomery County offices. Volunteer drivers will drive patients to and from treatment and medical appointments related to cancer. Volunteers will drive patients that live in their area. Coordinators working from the Silver Spring office will call volunteer drivers to coordinate patient rides. Mileage reimbursement is available. Volunteers drive according to their schedules. Coordinators work according to their schedules, but usually in one of two shifts, 9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information, please contact Marilyn Muhammad at 301-933-9350.

year, we offer the option of direct deposit of income tax refunds into the taxpayer's bank account for those who file electronically. This means a refund can be in the taxpayer's bank account in two days."

Trade In Polluting Mowers—Get Rebate

In a program designed to raise public awareness about air quality issues and reduce emissions, the Maryland Department of the Environment is offering the public an opportunity to trade in their gasoline-powered lawnmowers for more environmentally friendly machines.

Participants in the cash-for-clippers program can receive rebates of \$50 toward the purchase of electric and cordless rechargeable mulching mowers and \$15 for push mowers for each operating gasoline-powered mower turned in during the promotion. Trade-in events will take place in Prince George's and neighboring counties throughout April and May.

For further information or to volunteer at a county event, call Jessica Ritter or Chuck Rearick at 410-631-3240.

(Taken from an article in the March issue of MDEnvironment.)

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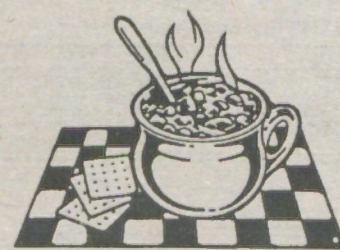
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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Assault

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, March 19, 6:24 a.m., officers responded to a residence for a report of a domestic stabbing. Upon arriving they discovered the victim seated on the couch in her apartment bleeding from a wound to her throat. The officers were able to communicate with the victim and discovered that her husband had cut her throat during an argument. The victim was taken to Prince George's General Hospital and was listed in critical but stable condition. Approximately an hour later the husband came to the police station. Investigation is continuing.

Robbery

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, March 14, 8:18 p.m., a man forced his way into an apartment by kicking open the door. He then demanded money from the three female occupants, one of whom hit him in the head with a lamp. The lamp was destroyed and the man fell and retreated to the stairwell, where he was found by officers. The man, a 23-year-old nonresident, was treated for his injuries at Prince George's General Hospital and later charged with assault and burglary. He was held on bond pending trial.

Frankfort and Morrison Drives, March 16, 6:34 p.m., an attempted strong-armed robbery was reported.

Unattended Children

A 35-year-old female resident was charged on March 16 with confining unattended children in a motor vehicle. She had left her three juvenile children unattended in her car while it was parked in the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive.

Drugs

March 14, 10:18 p.m., a 20-

year-old male nonresident was arrested at a residence in the 54 court of Ridge Road after telling an officer he possessed paraphernalia used to smoke marijuana. The officer responded to the address for a report of a loud party and smelled the odor of burned marijuana in the residence. The man told the officer that he and the others had already smoked the marijuana and that he possessed only a small amount of marijuana and the paraphernalia. He was arrested

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 301-507-6522. Callers may remain anonymous.

and charged with possession of paraphernalia and released on a criminal citation pending trial.

Roosevelt Center, March 15, 7:22 p.m., a 26-year-old female nonresident was arrested after an officer observed the vehicle she was in stop and a drug purchase take place. The vehicle was stopped after the hand-to-hand deal, and a search re-

vealed the woman to be hiding marijuana in her clothing. She was charged with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia and was held on bond pending a hearing.

Burglary

7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, March 13, 8:33 a.m., cash was taken from a doctor's office.

4 court of Laurel Hill Road, March 15, 10:38 p.m., jewelry was taken from a residence. It is unknown how entry was gained.

7500 block of Hanover Parkway, March 16, 7 a.m., a photocopy machine was taken from a commercial establishment.

Modell's Sporting Goods, Greenway Shopping Center, March 16, 1:08 a.m., clothing was reported stolen.

7800 block of Hanover Parkway, March 17, 12:13 p.m., fishing poles were reported stolen from a bin in a storage room.

5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, March 17, 8:52 p.m., a window was kicked out and jewelry and electronics were taken.

6700 block of Springshire Way, March 18, 10:26 a.m., copper pipe was taken from an unsecured home under construction.

Vehicle Theft

March 13, a red 1988 Toyota Camry with Maryland tags VVS 577 was stolen from Beltway Plaza and a black 1995 Chevrolet Tahoe was stolen from the 6200 block of Springhill Drive.

March 19, a green 1995 Hyundai Accent with Virginia tags ZSJ 3932 was reported stolen from the 9200 block of Edmonston Road.

Vandalisms to, thefts from,

Gallery Exhibit Displays New Art

by Barbara Simon

The Prince George's Community College senior citizens' watercolor/drawing class at the Greenbelt Community Center will present an exhibition, "Break Thru," at the Greenbelt Community Center Gallery, April 3 through May 14. The public is invited to an opening reception for the exhibit on Saturday, April 4, from 3-5:30 p.m.

The works to be exhibited, which are of a problem-solving nature, show original ideas and applications of a variety of techniques. Watercolor and mixed media are used in non-traditional ways to push the artists beyond previous experiences.

Participants in this historic

first Prince George's Community College exhibit at the Greenbelt Community Center are: Greenbelters Elizabeth Beers, Ruth Waters, Beverly Wiczorek, and Margaret Zanin. From Bowie are Ruth Kluth, Maria Padorn, Dolores Scheiner, Lorraine Warner, and Aurea Winterson. Anne Marie Harnett, from College Park, and Sophia Smithmyer, from Upper Marlboro, complete the group.

Greenbelt instructor and curator, Linda L. Uphoff, states: "These students have worked very hard to give a professional presentation to their work and have been involved in every aspect of the exhibit. We are like a family, and I am very proud of their accomplishments."

Daily viewing of the exhibit is from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Inquire for entrance to the exhibit at the main office of the Greenbelt Community Center. Since the Gallery is used for meetings and other events, people may wish to call the office first, at 301-397-2208, to make sure the exhibit is available at the time they wish to attend.

and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6200 block of Breezewood Court, 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, 9300 block of Edmonston Road, 8100 block of Lakecrest Drive and 7900 and 8000 blocks of Mandan Road.

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Becky Williams Returns To Facilitate Forum

by Douglas L. Love

A local celebrity returns to facilitate the Forum on Conflict Resolution and Violence Prevention sponsored by the Prince George's Peace and Justice Caucus. The program will be held in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center on Tuesday, March 31, from 8 to 10 p.m. Becky Otter, known to her many Greenbelt friends as Becky Williams, will enjoy coming back to Greenbelt.

Otter has a long history of participation in conflict resolution, peace and justice issues. As a leading member for over 15 years of the Board of the Washington Peace Committee, she helped raise money for the organization by solving problems for various groups. She also worked in Prince George's County, giving talks on "Peacemaking as a Cottage Industry." Following these talks people would line up in the hope that she could solve their personal conflicts.

As head of testing at the University of Maryland Counseling Office, Otter developed her conflict resolution approach, producing a program used widely by students and staff alike. In her peace work she gave training to demonstrators on how to be non-violent. Eventually she became known as the Conscience of Maryland.

Group Forms to Restore Anacostia Flood Plain

The Anacostia Flood Plain Restoration Coalition is pushing for restoration of the Anacostia River's flood plain north of Bladensburg. The coalition grew out of a citizens' workshop held March 7 in Bladensburg.

S. Ali Abbassi, of the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources, welcomed the group's efforts. "It is important for elected officials and agencies to hear from those who are interested in the environment of the river. Usually we only hear complaints about storm water drainage," he told the group.

Participants in the workshop formed subgroups to prioritize changes they would like to see in the flood plain. High on the lists of desired changes were habitat restoration, access to the river, and control of development causing excessive storm water runoff.

The area addressed by the group encompasses the Anacostia's Northeast Branch below Riverdale Road and the Northwest Branch from Queen's Chapel Road to Bladensburg. It is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As a result of flooding in the first half of this century, the Corps of Engineers constructed an extensive levee system on the Anacostia's Northwest and Northeast Branches. In 1997 Congress appropriated \$100,000 for the Corps to study improvements to the levee system.

Previously, in response to a congressional mandate, the Corps and the area governments spent \$759,000 on restoration of the Anacostia Flood Plain but according to Sam Love, a workshop organizer, "It is clear ... that citizens ... want more than a barren landscape with one row of

Williams also traveled the world, walking through Korea to the Demilitarized Zone. For fun, she walked the Andean trail along the tallest mountain range in the Americas.

Now happily retired, Otter left Greenbelt when she married. She lives in a large house at the end of Miracle House Road in St. Michaels, across the Chesapeake Bay. She keeps busy with the Talbot County League of Women Voters and hosts a monthly interracial potluck and discussion group.

The Prince George's Peace and Justice Caucus is grateful that she can return to facilitate their program. She will be joined by Caucus chair Bertram Donn, who also has training in violence prevention from the Children's Creative Response to Violence organization. He is experienced as well in conflict resolution with two schools in Anacostia.

Members of the Caucus will demonstrate the prevention and avoidance of violent situations with some interesting skits, for which the Greenbelt Arts Center has loaned a few props.

It should be noted that notices posted previously by the Peace and Justice Caucus were incorrect. The seminar will be held on Tuesday, March 31, not Wednesday, which is April 1.

trees within the levee system."

"The major problem we are facing with the Anacostia is increased development upstream," Robert Boone, president of the Anacostia Watershed Society, told the group. "Too many parking lots and streets with impervious surfaces have increased the flow of the river."

Kathryn Conant, Corps of Engineers study manager for the

Patuxent Refuge Sets Programs for April

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Patuxent Research Refuge-North Tract has announced the following educational programs for the first half of April. All programs are free but require advance registration. Call 410-674-3304 for information and registration. The Patuxent Refuge's North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32.

Children's Programs

Forest Discovery Hike - on Thursday, April 2 from 10-11 a.m. for ages 5-12 will enable children to investigate the layers of the forest and discover the role each plays in the forest ecosystem.



Bugs - on Sunday, April 5 from 4-5 p.m. for ages 5-12 will explore the different ways insects are adapted to their environment.

Say When! - on Monday, April 6, 2-3 p.m. for ages 10-16 will enable participants to discover why environments have animal population limits, and how humans can affect those limits.

Beavers: Makers of the Marsh - on Wednesday, April 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. for ages 5-12 will let children discover how beavers create the marshes and how they

flood plain area, told the group that she is "sympathetic to the environmental concerns, but that we have to understand this is primarily a flood protection project. Any changes will have to balance flood protection and environmental restoration."

Attendees at the workshop included city council members from Hyattsville, Edmonston, Mt. Rainier, and the mayors of Mt. Rainier and Bladensburg.

are adapted to the environment. Participants can view a beaver lodge and dam.

Stream Search - on Saturday, April 11 from 12-1 p.m. for ages 5-12 will show program participants (who are asked to wear boots) how to monitor the health of a stream by searching for and identifying aquatic insects.

Spring Has Sprung - on Saturday, April 11 from 3-4 p.m. for ages 5-12 will explore the changes taking place as winter changes to spring and tells how wildlife adjusts to these changes.

Butterfly or Moth? - from Sunday, April 12, 2-3 p.m. for ages 5-12 will enable participants to discover the characteristics of and differences between butterflies and moths.

Metamorphosis - on Monday, April 13 from 2-3 p.m. for ages 5-12 will investigate the cycles of several organisms that spend part of their life in an aquatic environment.

Wetland Chorus - on Tuesday,

April 14 from 7-8 p.m. for ages 5-12 will discover the sounds that wetland animals make and what they mean.

Adult Programs

Minors participating in these programs must be accompanied by an adult.

Bird Walk - on Saturday, April 4 from 7-10 a.m. for ages 12 and older will identify the spring birds of the refuge during this guided walk. Participants should bring binoculars and field guides.

Introduction to Tracking - on Saturday, April 4 from 9 a.m. - noon for ages 8 and older will explore the basics of animal tracking on this two mile walk.

Butterfly Walk - on Sunday, April 5 from 9-11:30 a.m. for ages 8 and older will search for butterflies on the wing during this guided walk. Participants will learn how to identify them.

Basics of Birding, Part I - on Wednesday, April 15 from 7-9 p.m. Part II will be on Saturday, April 18 from 7:30-10 a.m. This will be a lecture and walk focusing on bird identification. Participants should bring binoculars and field guides.

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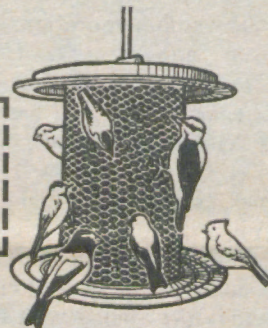
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Caldor to Close Beltway Plaza Store in June

by Eileen Farnham

Caldor has announced it will close the Beltway Plaza Mall store on June 1. The announcement comes little more than four years after the store opened in late 1993. At that time, the company promised a "new Woodward & Lothrop with pricing comparable to S. Klein's."

The Connecticut-based chain is closing its Washington metropolitan region stores consisting of seven stores in suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia. The retailer will also close its Baltimore stores and three in New York. Caldor has been operating under a Chapter 11 bankruptcy since 1995, soon after expansion to this area, part of an industry shake-out of mid-level retailers including K-Mart and Ames, as well as several chains that have disappeared, among them Jamesway and Bradlee's. Heavy competition from the newer Target, Wal-Mart and Kohls chains has also taken a toll on the company's prospects, although the Greenbelt location

continued to be a profitable one, according to a Beltway Plaza spokesperson.

The late February surprise announcement from Caldor headquarters in Norwalk, Connecticut, will put 125 local store employees out of work and is a disappointing blow to Quantum, the leasing and management company for Beltway Plaza Mall. In 1993, as part of a major revitalization and face-lift to make Beltway Plaza a regional mall, Quantum constructed the two-story parking deck to accommodate customers of the second-story store, which is over Marshall's, Frank's, and the space formerly occupied by Best. Caldor occupies the largest store in the mall, including Giant and the Sports Authority. Kap Kapastin, attorney for Quantum, philosophized that "at least now that we know their plans, we can begin marketing the space." The departure of the 113,750 sq. ft. anchor store leaves a void. Local officials have expressed a hope that it will be filled quickly.

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For more information call (800) 747-4222 or visit the CCCS web site at www.cccsdc.org.

Money Tree Corp. Coming to Ivy Lane

Mark Ezra of the Fred Ezra Company represented Money Tree Funding Corporation, a residential lending financial institution, in negotiations for a sublease. Money Tree Corporation will locate to their office space of approximately 3,167 square feet at 6411 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, Maryland. Chris Kibler and Jay Olshonsky of CB Commercial represented the sublandlord.

Cellular One Opens Five Stores in Area

Cellular One will open five new retail stores in the Washington metropolitan area this month, reflecting the cellular service provider's continuing growth and commitment to customer service in the region.

The new stores—two in Maryland, two in Virginia and one in the District of Columbia—will offer a complete line of innovative products and services, including local and long-distance wireless communications, the latest in digital phone and messaging technology, paging services, wireless data transmission, and landline long distance service. Specially trained sales consultants will be available at each store to assist consumers in identifying the products and services that meet their special needs.

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Greenbelt Firm Manages Restaurant

On Monday, March 16, Coakley & Williams Hotel Management Company assumed management of the Four Points hotel by Sheraton Hagerstown for its owner.

Long recognized as one of Hagerstown's best food and beverage facilities, Nicholas' Restaurant will continue in the outstanding tradition under the new management, according to Gary Williams, president of C&W Hotel Management Company.

Coakley and Williams Hotel Management Company's office is at 7501 Greenway Center Drive.

PGCC Offers Class In Dental Assisting

Prince George's Community College will sponsor "Introduction to Dental Assisting," a 10-session course, taught by practicing professionals in a fully equipped dental facility. The college says that career opportunities in the metropolitan area are excellent for dental assistants with the skills that can be acquired in this 80-hour course. Registration is limited to 12.

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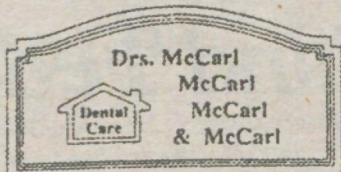


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MD Offers High Tech Tax Help

With a new automatic e-mail response for Maryland taxpayers requesting forms and an expanded website section on frequently-asked tax questions Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein says his office is continuing its growth in high tech customer service to taxpayers.

"For the second year, we are offering e-mail service which allows taxpayers to ask tax questions. Last year, nearly half of our correspondence came by e-mail, a great convenience to taxpayers," Goldstein said. The taxpayer service e-mail address is taxhelp@comp.state.md.us

"This year, we have added an automatic response feature for taxpayers who are requesting tax forms by e-mail, a service to those with e-mail service only," Goldstein said. Taxpayers can get the forms by e-mail at forms@comp.state.md.us.

"Our expanded website offers taxpayers the opportunity to download tax forms and publications at any time as well as answers to frequently-asked tax questions and directions to taxpayer service offices," he said. Taxpayers needing an extension of time to file 1997 state income tax returns can request the extension online. To reach the Maryland State Comptroller's website, search for www.comp.state.md.us.

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Democratic Club Visits State House

by Janet Jacobs Parker

On Monday, March 16, the members and friends of the Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic club met in Annapolis with the elected state officials of the 23rd legislative district. They were greeted by Senator Leo Green and Delegates Jim Hubbard, Joan Pitkin, and Mary Conroy who reported on some of the legislation with which they had been involved.

Delegate Hubbard gave the details of two of his interests, pfiesteria and the Child Health Insurance Program or, as they were known, "Fish and CHIPS." There are 60,000 working families whose income falls on or under 85% of the poverty level (\$29,000). Children up to the age of five in these families would qualify for all aspects of health care, including free immunizations.

Hubbard also was involved with bills to assist the hiring of the developmentally disabled and mentally ill into meaningful jobs and their transition from high school to appropriate employment.

Delegate Pitkin, because she was concerned about privacy issues, worked for legislation which restricts the sale of personal information via computer records. Because of her wish to improve air quality in Maryland, she worked for the rights of state employees to receive low-interest loans to purchase home computers that would enable them to work at home instead of driving to work daily. Supervision of such employees was written into the bill.

Delegate Conroy, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, had voted against an unfavorable committee report on an addition to Megan's Law (notice of sexual predator relocating in the neighborhood) because it muddled the law. She voted for final passage.

Senator Green said that Prince George's County has the second highest number of poor families in the state and that 60 million dollars has been allocated to build 16 schools.

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the announcement from Senator Green that there is a strong possibility that \$200,000 will be granted to Greenbelt to replace the historic windows in the Community Center.

The evening in Annapolis at the State House ended with visits to short sessions of both the House and Senate. These yearly visits of the Democratic Club to Annapolis provide an opportunity to see democracy in action.

Support Group For Mentally Ill Meets

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Prince George's County, Inc. has announced the following dates for support group meetings: April 1, 7 p.m., at Bowie City Hall, Room 3, 2614 Kenthill Drive, Bowie. April 8, 7 p.m., at Dyer Health Clinic, Rm. 159, 9314 Piscataway Rd., Clinton. April 14, 7 p.m., at Prince George's Health Dept., lower level resource room, 3001 Hospital Drive, Cheverly.

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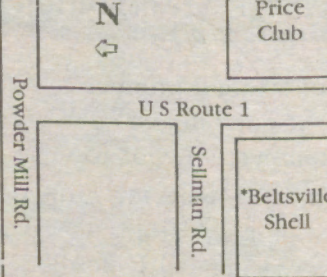


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Chris Tennant, instructor, demonstrating a dance for the Greek Folk Dance class. - photo by Nancy Campbell

Greek Dancers Host Open-House

On Sunday, March 29, the Greek Folk Dance Class will host a dance party at the Greenbelt Community Center. The party will be held in the Center's dance studio from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and will be open to the public. There is no charge for admission, but those attending are encouraged to bring along a food or non-alcoholic beverage item to share; members of the dance class will prepare special dishes for the occasion.

A wide selection of music and dances will be included, such as simple folk dances that newcomers can master quickly. Since all of the dances will be either line or solo dances, no partner is needed. Some instruction will be provided for the simpler dances, so everyone will have a chance to participate.

For those bitten by the dance bug at the party, the Greek

Dance Group will start its new round of classes on April 5. Classes are held at the dance studio of the Community Center on Sunday evenings from 7:30 - 9 p.m. A special session is held from 7 - 7:30 for newcomers. During the remainder of the evening, the group learns new dances and dances to old favorites and requests.

In addition to Greek dances, some Macedonian, Turkish and Bulgarian dances are also taught. The group holds parties throughout the year and attends area Greek festivals that take place during the spring and fall.

Anyone interested in attending the next round of classes may sign up at the Community Center or at the party on Sunday evening. For additional information on the group and its activities, contact Chris Tennant at 301-498-6218.

UM School of Music Presents Ensemble

The University of Maryland School of Music will present the New/Dark Age Ensemble Apr. 3 at 8 p.m., Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Building. The Ensemble will present a dynamic percussion program featuring the works of world famous composer John Cage. One of the evening's highlights will be Dr. David Patterson, Cage scholar and musicologist, who will present each of the works. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For information call 301-405-1150.

UM School of Music Presents Cellist

The University of Maryland School of Music presents cellist, Madeleine Shapiro, in a Concert of New Music on Thursday, April 2 at 8 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building. Shapiro will present Voices, a multi-media evening featuring an exciting mixture of recent works for solo cello introduced by spoken commentary by the composers. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For further information, call 301-405-1150.

The Sound Scene

by Nick Mydra

The Greenbelt Arts Center was host to a weekend of Celtic music, Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21. Featured were Skye Gathering, Home Spun Ceilidh Band and the Mac Talla singers, offering a variety of Celtic music. Saturday's performance was done to a full house, with the flags of Scotland, Royal Banner, Ireland, Wales, Isle of Mann and Nova Scotia as a back-drop. The audience was treated to a good two and a half hours of entertainment. Besides instrumental and vocal pieces there was storytelling by Jan Brenner.

Skye Gathering opened the performance with an Irish reel and Scottish waltz. John Ward and Trix Whitehall led the musicians, with John playing Master of Ceremonies. They are local residents and have been involved in the arts scene in Greenbelt for many years. Skye Gathering includes fiddle, harp, bodhran, and cello, while the Home Spun Ceilidh Band has the additions of hammer dulcimer, guitar, assorted recorders, and even a bouzouki (a strange looking mutant banjo-like stringed instrument from Greece). It seems an Irish musician brought one back from a visit to Greece and now it is found in many Irish bands.

Mac Talla sings Celtic songs in Gaelic. I overheard someone say that they wanted Mac Talla to just sing and not spend so much time explaining what the music meant in English. I like the background information that was given about the music, but I could understand that to some it might have been getting late in the evening. Reels, waltzes, and jigs along with songs about lost love, and even a song about the Napoleonic wars were the mainstay of the concert. Mac Talla doing mouth music (gossip done to song), "On the Rocky Road to Dublin" sung by Trix, Skye Gathering playing a Martin Hayes jig and Jan Brenner telling tales of the "enchanted fiddle," and the "Fiddler Doyle" were some of



the examples of what we heard.

Having heard their winter concert, this time around it has gotten only better and they learned how to better use the sound system. They ended the evening playing "St. Anne," "Red Hair Boy," and "Reconciliation" with Glen Arthur playing the guitar behind his head while the audience clapped and got involved with the high energy that "Reconciliation" gives off. John on shuttle pipe, a small version of the bagpipe, led the encore presentation.

Smithers & Friends

Speaking of encore presentations, I went to the New Deal Cafe on Friday last and heard Sue Smithers and Friends perform. I, along with the crowd of people in the room, was treated to an evening of entertainment for the cost of a cup of coffee and some-

UM School of Music Quartet Finals

The University of Maryland School of Music will present the Guarneri Graduate Fellowship Quartet Finals on Monday, March 30 at 7 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building. The Guarneri Graduate Fellowship Quartet Program is being established to offer the opportunity of working with the renowned Guarneri String Quartet and the string faculty of the University of Maryland. The winning quartet will participate in a three year doctoral fellowship program. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For information call 301-405-8348.

thing in the "Tip" jar. A tip of the hat to Sue, along with Billy Bates, and Eileen Taddonio. They give a great show. As always, if you missed it, maybe next time.



Lisa, Garuth, Valerie, and Susan, members of Jane Doe, the all-woman band, which performs Friday at New Deal Cafe.

Jane Doe Returns to New Deal Cafe

Jane Doe returns to the New Deal Cafe this Saturday night, March 28, for a spring celebration. Come out to rock and roll or just to see what the band will

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